

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bob Hall, Vice Chair
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Charles Perry

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The Committee heard invited testimony on the following Interim Charges:

- Funding Opportunities for Texas Ports: Review the state's appropriations for Texas' ports and the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund and make recommendations for increased investment to meet future needs.

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Testimony continued.

- **Human Smuggling:** Examine the anti-smuggling efforts of governmental and non-governmental entities under the committee's jurisdiction. Compare the findings to best practices in other states and make recommendations to help advance efforts in the fight against human smuggling.
- **Highway Naming:** Review the state's policy related to the naming of state highways for individuals and make recommendations to limit and reform the criteria of such designations.

All witnesses are shown on the attached list.

There being no further business, at 11:30 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

Amy Jeter, Clerk